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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with the regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Devils Postpile National Monument. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES. AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:

Closures:

- Monument Road: The Monument road is closed to public vehicular traffic whenever public access to the USFS Inyo National Forest Minaret Vista to Reds Meadow Road is not open, or when the NPS gate on the spur road is closed.

The only Road access to the Monument is through the Inyo National Forest Minaret Vista to Reds Meadow Road. A paved NPS spur road off the Inyo National Forest provides access to the developed area of visitor facilities and Monument administrative area. Prior to seasonal road opening for visitor and preparing for winter closure, only administrative access is to be allowed on the NPS spur road. An inappropriate use during public closure of the Reds Meadow Road is for recreationalists to use vehicles on the road to access the Monument. During park emergencies or unavailable parking the park gate may be closed not allowing legal access to the Monument.

- Facilities & Buildings: All facilities and buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal, and domestic water. All facilities that include employee housing, storage areas, and maintenance shop.

These facilities are closed to public entry to ensure employee and visitor safety, protection of water and utility systems, and security to park equipment.

- Devils Postpile formation: The fallen columns, the cliff face, and the tops of the columns on the cliff face are closed to all entry and recreational use including walking, hiking, scrambling and climbing on rocks.

- (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.
- §2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71)
 - Daily use fees for camping in developed campground
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51, and §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct an event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events.
- §2.51(c) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions or views.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering human ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special Regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

The columnar basalt formation known as the Devils Postpile is geologically unique. Every effort is made to protect the formation from potential damage and for park visitors to view the formation undisturbed by other humans and to increase the probability of a safe experience. The formation is subject to dramatic seismic and cumulative erosion events when columns may topple.

- **Floatation Devices/Boats:** The use of floatation devices, boats, or rafts is prohibited on the Upper Middle Fork of the San Joaquin boundary from the northern boundary of Devils Postpile National Monument to the southern boundary of Devils Postpile National Monument.

The management of this portion of the Upper Middle Fork of the San Joaquin must meet the needs of all park users; including but not limited to photographers, fishermen and those visitors wishing to see undisturbed sections of a free flowing river. This closure is also necessary due to safety hazards, such as fallen trees and waterfalls to rafters or floaters. Removal of these hazards would be contrary to park resource management policy.

Public Use Limits:

- **Limitation of DEPO Parking area to 65 vehicles during special events, or when an event outside of DEPO may spill over and create significant impacts on DEPO.** Due to traffic congestion, pedestrian and automobile and motorcycle rider safety, soundscapes, and resource damage during special events, a limit of 65 vehicles in the day use parking area of the Monument is established.

Sixty five is the number of parking spaces available within DEPO when the parking lot is full with a combination of cars, pickups, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles. At times, rangers have been needed to manage the congested parking area, and have used this number as citing the number of parking spaces available. The observations when the mandatory shuttle bus is not operating, there are times when the demand for vehicle parking exceeds the space available in the parking lot. This often results in vehicles parking along roadside slopes, in accessible only parking spaces, in the campground, and in the vegetation. Unreasonable amounts of noise and vehicle exhaust have also been observed in the campground and adjacent to wilderness, and visitors have been disturbed by the same during motorcycle riding events. By having a number count, this will allow Park Rangers to manage the amount of vehicles admitted to the Monument.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas.
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas

36 CFR §2.15 - PETS

- (a)(5) Pet feces in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, lawns, and around public buildings must be properly disposed of by the person responsible for the pet.
- (e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:
- Residents may keep pets in accordance with the current Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI) Pet Policy [Management Directive No. 46] approved by the SEKI and DEPO Superintendent. Such document is, by this reference, made part of these regulations.
 - Park residents may leave their pets tied and unattended within the boundaries of their yards on the condition that they do not disturb people or wildlife.

36 CFR §2.16- HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

- (a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for the purposes of transporting equipment:
- Horses
 - Mules
 - burros
 - llamas
- (b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:
- The John Muir Trail
 - The Pacific Crest Trail
 - The Kings Creek Trail
 - On Rainbow Falls Trail and at hiking and horse trail junction then only on the stock trail through to the hitching post.
- (c) The only horse crossing of the Upper Middle Fork of the San Joaquin in Devils Postpile National Monument is at the Lower Arch Bridge. There are no river crossings allowed in open water.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

- (c)(1) The removal of downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, scooters, coasting vehicles, and similar non-motorized devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- None

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

- Campground use fees, if applicable, shall be paid immediately upon arrival.
- Campsite occupancy shall not exceed six persons (or one immediate family group), with no more than two motor vehicles per campsite and in sites where only one vehicle can reasonably park that will require one vehicle per sight.
- Check out time is 2:00 PM local time.
- No party shall leave their paid campsite unattended for more than 24 hours without the permission of the Superintendent.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as food (human, pet and stock), coolers and ice chests (with or without contents), garbage (empty cans and bottles, food wrappers, etc.), recyclables, first aid kits, cleaning solutions, drinks (canned or bottled), toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, cosmetics, scented tissues, etc.), insect repellants, tobacco products, and any other related scent items. Such items shall be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations. Dirty non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed or stored as a food item.

- Food Storage restrictions apply to all persons in all areas of these parks.
- Food items must be stored in bear resistant food-storage lockers where provided.
- Where food-storage lockers are not provided, the following conditions apply:
 - In residences and lodging facilities without bear-resistant food-storage lockers: All food items must be stored inside and not be visible from the exterior of the building.
 - In all other developed areas: Food items must be stored inside a vehicle trunk or, if the vehicle has no trunk, must be placed as low in the vehicle as possible, and covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed.
 - In hard-sided and hard-topped vehicles: Food items may be stored in such vehicles that contain built-in refrigerators, provided it is covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed. Shades must be drawn when the vehicle is not occupied.

CFR §2.13 - FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Devils Postpile Campground and Picnic Area:
 - In provided fire receptacles
- Park residential area:
 - In provided fire receptacles

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- All areas

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, and berries may be gathered by hand for personal consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use consumption.

- Elderberries – *Sambucus mexicana* C. Presl, 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Gooseberries –, *Ribes roezlii* Regel var *Roezlii*, 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Currants- *Rebes cereum* Dougl. Var *cereum*, *Ribes inerme* Rybd. Var *inerme*, *Ribes nevadense* Kellogg, 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.

It has been determined that the minimal collection of the above berries will not negatively impact the plants.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state law; and
- Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable; and
- Only on established roads or trails

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of the park.

36 CFR §2.10(a) – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

Designated Campground:

Devils Postpile Campground

- Camping is restricted to marked sites within the Devils Postpile Campground.
- Camping in the Devils Postpile Campground is limited to 14 days total during the calendar year.

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All government owned buildings and structures, including all restrooms, except:
 - Smoking is allowed in the maintenance yard (outside of public view), and on the porch of park occupants.
- All government owned or leased vehicles.
- Within 50 feet of gasoline pumps and flammable substance storage areas.
- While hiking or riding in the wilderness, persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.

36 CFR §2.22- PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in following areas and under the following conditions:

- Motor vehicles may be left unattended for up to 30 days at trailhead parking areas.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(a) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Devils Postpile Campground = \$14.00

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the high density visitor use areas including the Postpile formation and Rainbow Falls area. Scattering of ashes is not allowed in the Ranger Station day-use area, campground, or Soda Springs meadow. At least 100 yards distance from trails, throughout the Monument ashes may be scattered in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
- The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above ground level.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- No markers are permitted.
- There will be no publicity given to this activity.
- Except for the authorization to disperse human remains by scattering, nothing shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicles are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- Official Map and Guide for Devils Postpile National Monument.

36 CFR §4.31 - HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- The two acceptable locations are at the exit point of the bus loop area, and at the junction of the Devils Postpile Road and Reds Meadow Road. There are no time restrictions on when hitchhiking will not be permitted. The hitchhiker must be off the paved roadway on the shoulder, and visitor safety and traffic flow must not be adversely affected.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1ST AMENDMENT SITE MAPS
2. SEKI MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 46 (PET POLICY)
3. DEPO OFFICIAL GUIDE AND MAP